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Re: Application No. 10/578,845, filed May 10, 2006  
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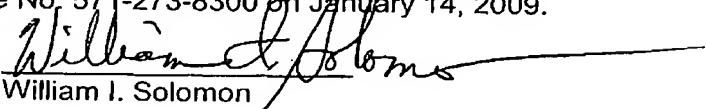
**SUBMISSION of Amendment**

Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the attached paper entitled "Amendment" (14 pages) in the above-identified application.

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION:**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2008, please amend the  
above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following  
pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.